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MINNESOTA HOG INVENTORY UP 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

Minnesota hog producers had an inventory of 8.10 million hogs and pigs on September 1, 2012, up 3 percent from last year and up 4 percent from the June 1, 2012, figure, according to the USDA, NASS, Minnesota Field Office. This is a record high inventory for any quarter. Breeding inventory totaled 560 thousand head, unchanged from a year earlier and unchanged from June 1, 2012. Market hogs and pigs at 7.54 million head, were up 3 percent from a year ago and up 4 percent from June 1, 2012.

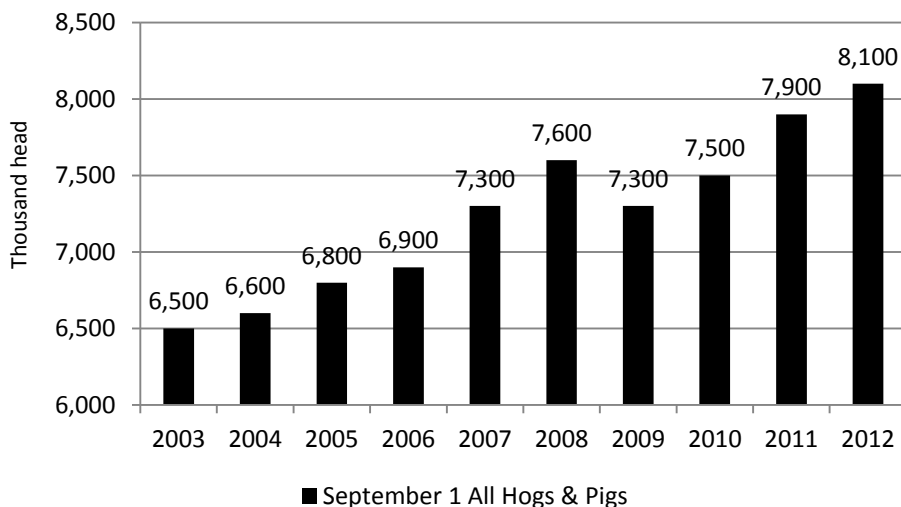
JUNE-AUGUST PIG CROP UP 3 PERCENT

Minnesota's June-August 2012 pig crop totaled 3.11 million head, up 3 percent from a year earlier and up 3 percent from the March-May 2012 pig crop. The 300 thousand sows that farrowed averaged 10.35 pigs per litter, up from 10.25 a year ago.

SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2012-FEBRUARY 2013 INTENTIONS

Hog producers in Minnesota intend to farrow 295 thousand sows during the September-November 2012 quarter. If realized, this would be unchanged from actual sows farrowed during the same period a year earlier. Producers intend to farrow 290 thousand sows during the December 2012-February 2013 quarter. If realized, this would be unchanged from actual sows farrowed during the same period in 2012.

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U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP SLIGHTLY

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on September 1, 2012 was 67.5 million head. This was up slightly from September 1, 2011, and up 3 percent from June 1, 2012.

Breeding inventory, at 5.79 million head, was down slightly from last year, and down 1 percent from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 61.7 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up 3 percent from last quarter.

The June-August 2012 pig crop, at 29.3 million head, was down slightly from 2011. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.89 million head, down 1 percent from 2011. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 49 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was a record high 10.13 for the June-August period, compared to 10.03 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 10.20 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

REVISIONS

All inventory and pig crop estimates for September 2011 through June 2012 were reviewed using final pig crop, official slaughter, death loss, and updated import and export data. Based on the findings of this review, an adjustment of less than one half of one percent was made to the March 2012 total inventory. An adjustment of less than one half of one percent was made to the June 2012 total inventory. An adjustment of less than one half of one percent was made to the December 2011-February 2012 pig crop.

**Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop,
United States, December-November 2011-2012^{1 2}**

Month	Sows Farrowing ¹		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop ¹	
	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>
Dec ²	953	951	9.81	9.97	9,345	9,473
Jan	954	961	9.76	9.95	9,312	9,562
Feb	936	952	9.83	10.00	9,210	9,516
Mar	986	986	10.02	10.04	9,880	9,895
Apr	961	962	10.02	10.10	9,633	9,717
May	970	971	10.04	10.12	9,739	9,829
Jun	988	968	10.04	10.14	9,917	9,821
Jul	966	960	10.00	10.11	9,662	9,712
Aug	974	963	10.04	10.12	9,776	9,753
Sep	996		10.03		9,985	
Oct	975		10.03		9,779	
Nov	959		10.01		9,601	
Total	11,617		9.97		115,837	

¹ Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

² December preceding year.